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YOUR EXCELLENCY,

THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT HAS REPEATEDLY REF
THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF EAST TIMOR. KNOWING YOUR CONCERN, MAY WE APPEAL TO YOU TO EXTEND YOUR HOSPITALITY TO THE FOUR STUDENTS WHO HAVE ASKED FOR ASYLUM AND PROVIDE THEM WITH THE DOCUMENTATION THEY NEED TO LEAVE JAKARTA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

A GENEROUS RESPONSE TO THEIR REQUEST WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED, AND WOULD REFLECT PORTUGAL'S HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS EAST TIMOR AS WELL AS YOUR GOVERNMENT'S HUMANITARIAN CONCERN.

WITH RESPECT,
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